

Prize-winning discovery of “dark energy”, a phenomenon partly responsible for the expansion of the universe.

These extraordinary advancements brought further discoveries, including the top quark and neutrino mass, the Time Projection Chamber for the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider, the front-end system for the Spallation Neutron Source, and the reclamation of valuable land occupied by the long-defunct Bevatron.

Today, California’s 13th Congressional District salutes the life and work of an outstanding individual and pioneer, Dr. Charles V. Shank. His contributions have truly impacted the Berkeley community, the field of energy and applied science, as well as the lives of his family, friends, and patrons. I join all of Dr. Shank’s loved ones in celebrating his incredible accomplishments and offer my highest gratitude for the distinction he has brought upon the 13th Congressional District.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT OF DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

HON. MAXINE WATERS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker, I submit a letter to Dr. Joanne Liu, International President of Doctors Without Borders, extending my deepest sympathies to the victims of the U.S. airstrike in Kunduz that killed 22 patients and staff within a hospital run by Doctors Without Borders.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 6, 2015.

Dr. JOANNE LIU,
*International President,
Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans
Frontières.*

DEAR DR. LIU: It is with an extremely heavy heart that I extend my deepest sympathies to the victims of the U.S. airstrike in Kunduz that killed 22 patients and staff within a hospital run by Doctors Without Borders. Doctors who volunteer their skills in some of the most dangerous regions of the world make sacrifices as brave and selfless as the sacrifices made by our U.S. service members when they are sent into harm’s way. My heart goes out to all who were affected by this tragic incident.

I have always admired the work of Doctors Without Borders. The organization led the international response to last year’s deadly Ebola outbreak in West Africa, and it continues to treat patients in numerous isolated and dangerous parts of the world, including areas of violent conflict like Afghanistan. The courage and compassion of Doctors Without Borders’ staff and volunteers are beyond compare.

With this tragedy, we are once again reminded of the very real costs of war and recall our collective responsibility to promote international peace and security and protect civilians. It is my sincere hope that there will be a thorough and impartial investigation of the incident and that we work hard to ensure that such an incident never happens again.

Once again, my thoughts and prayers are with the victims of this tragedy and I pray that their families may find peace and comfort in the memories of their loved ones and

the sympathies of the international community.

Sincerely,

MAXINE WATERS,
Member of Congress.

CONGRATULATING WARDEN LINDA SANDERS ON HER RECOGNITION BY THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS’ AGENCY FOR EXCEL- LENCE IN PRISON MANAGEMENT

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Warden Linda Sanders, head of Springfield Missouri’s U.S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners (USMCFP), on her recent national recognition by the Federal Bureau of Prisons’ (BOP) Agency for Excellence in Prison Management.

This distinguished honor highlights outstanding wardens for overall management of staff, inmates, and efficient operations. In earning this award, Warden Sanders was evaluated on the impact of her innovative ideas on the institutional programs she oversees, her steadfast efforts to improve the USMCFP, and extraordinary leadership as the head of her team.

Additionally, this honor is a testament to Warden Sanders’ impressive career in our justice system. In 1987, she got her start as a correctional officer in a low-security facility in Sandstone, Minnesota. After proving her exemplary work ethic, she was eventually named Warden of Lompoc U.S. Penitentiary in California, where she was the first female warden and first African American warden. Ultimately, after vying for the opportunity to lead the USMCFP, she was assigned as the medical center’s warden in 2012.

Overseeing the USMCFP, Warden Sanders is responsible for upholding a renowned institution with a rich American history dating back to the Great Depression. At that time, Springfield residents gave 620 acres to the federal government for the construction of a hospital complex, of which the first buildings were completed in 1933. Since, the center has cared for the physical and mental ailments of federal prisoners from across the nation. The prison even hosted a handful of prisoners with infamous names in American justice lore, like John Gotti, Robert Stroud (the Birdman of Alcatraz), and Larry Flynt—just to name a few.

Mr. Speaker, Warden Linda Sanders deserves this body’s utmost respect for her dedication to our justice system, and I extend her my deepest appreciation for her impressive leadership. Her efforts have not only made Springfield a better community, but have made me ever-prouder to serve the people of Missouri’s seventh Congressional District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT PITTENGER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, on roll call no. 543 and 544, I would have voted as fol-

lows: Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM) motion to Re-commit on H.R. 538 with instructions—NAY, and Passage of H.R. 538—Native American Energy Act—YEA.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH AN- NIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HONORS COUNCIL

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the National Collegiate Honors Council for their 50th anniversary this year. The National Collegiate Honors Council represents 800 colleges and universities and is composed of 325,000 students dedicated to achieving educational excellence in diverse subject curriculum areas in order to achieve professional career goals.

In my district, the National Collegiate Honors Council includes the University of Pittsburgh, Duquesne University, Robert Morris University, and Point Park University.

For instance, Point Park’s Honors Program welcomes students from all disciplines who desire an enriched college experience. The program builds a community of scholars who have opportunities in three important areas; academics, community services, and leadership. Students participate in a learning process that encourages engagement, creativity, and imagination through honors sections of courses that include additional assignments and a rigorous curriculum. At the end of their degree programs, undergraduate honors students must submit thesis papers and special honors projects capping off their academic careers. Many of these gifted young people participate in Pittsburgh-oriented community projects and the annual Storytelling and Human Rights Symposium, providing their city with invaluable public service. The program also encourages membership in the Honors Student Organization, one of the most active clubs on campus, where members can hold prestigious leadership positions. Honors students also benefit from special housing opportunities, on-campus job opportunities, and enriching study abroad programs that include destinations like London and Rome. Point Park University deserves our recognition for giving its most motivated and gifted students the opportunity to fulfill their potential.

The National Collegiate Honors Program, after decades of growth and experience, continues to dedicate itself to promoting educational excellence within our nation’s colleges and universities while preparing students for successful professional careers. I invite my colleagues to join me in commending the program’s outstanding contributions to our nation’s educational and professional communities honoring its 50th anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO EAGLE SCOUT WILLIAM LYBARGER

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 9, 2015

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate William